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Eric S. Brown  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, District of Columbia

Re: MUR 5161

Dear Mr. Brown:

On behalf of the Lincoln Diaz-Balart for Congress Committee ("the Committee"), Committee ID C00264028, located at 2801 Ponce DeLeon #1000, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, I respectfully request a 15-day extension for the Committee to respond to the Commission's "reason to believe" letter ("RTB") dated December 12, 2000. This extension, which would extend the response deadline from December 28, 2000 to January 12, 2001, is both justified and necessary to allow the Committee an opportunity to coordinate its RTB response with its submission of amended reports and copies of refund checks to the Commission. This request follows our telephone conversation of today.

During our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, where we discussed matters relating to the Commission's audit of the Committee, you and other officials from the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Audit Division asked that the Committee provide the following information: (1) copies of refund checks for excessive and/or prohibited contributions, and (2) amended annual reports for the years 1993 through 1996 that reconcile the disparity revealed by the FEC audit between reported cash-on-hand and actual cash-on-hand. Pursuant to this request, I have been working with Congressman Diaz-Balart and the Committee's new treasurer, Mr. Jose Riesco, to obtain the necessary refund checks and to compile the amended reports. I am pleased to report that substantial progress has been made.

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The Committee will be able to form a proper response to the RTB only after it has complied with the Commission's request for amended reports and copies of refund checks. Accordingly, since the Committee requires additional time to compile the requested information, the Committee requests that the Commission extend the response deadline to January 12, 2001.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

  
Trevor Potter

cc: The Hon. Lincoln Diaz-Balart  
Jose A. Riesco, Treasurer

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